

**“He Leadeth Me”**  
**Psalm 23:1-3**

Introduction: In this psalm, our Lord presents to us the relationship that we share. It is very personal as we see in the personal pronouns “my”, “I”, “me”, and “mine”. Our wonderful Lord does not love His sheep collectively, but individually! He is presently supplying, feeding, restoring, abiding with, and preparing blessings for His sheep. The most fascinating of the actions of our Saviour toward us is His leading abilities. Through all circumstances, our Lord leads us.

1. He Leads in Times of Scattering Deuteronomy 4:27- “scatter...LORD shall lead you”
2. He Leads in Times of Scarcity Deuteronomy 29:5- “I have led you forty years in the wilderness”
3. He Leads in Times of Scorn Psalm 5:8- “Lead me...because of mine enemies”
4. He Leads in Territories of Safety Psalm 61:2- “lead me to the rock”
5. He Leads in Truths of Sanctification Isaiah 48:17- “which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go”
6. He Leads in Temptations of Sins Matthew 6:13- “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”
7. He Leads for a Testimony of Salvation Romans 8:14- “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”

Body: As we view Psalm 23, we find two ways in which the Lord leads His children. First, He leads us to *places* (v. 2- “he leadeth me beside the still waters”). The still waters help a restless sheep relax. Secondly, He leads us down *paths* (v. 3- “he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness”). In this instance, we see the “paths of righteousness”. When we take a complete look at the Scriptures, we find more paths, which our Saviour takes us by the hand and leads us. These are:

- I. The Paths of Salvation Romans 2:4- “God leadeth thee to repentance”
- II. The Paths of Soul Winning Matt. 4:19- “Follow me...I will make you fishers”
- III. The Paths of Service Matt. 16:24- “take up his cross, and follow me”
- IV. The Paths of Suffering I Peter 2:21 (The Steps of Suffering)
  - A. Suffering is for Renewing I Peter 5:10
  - B. Suffering is for a Relationship Philippians 3:10
  - C. Suffering is for a Revival Judges 15:18-19

Conclusion: Although the paths that the Lord takes us down may seem hard at times, He has given us a promise that He will never forsake us. May we cry out to Him as the psalmist did in Psalm 139:10. “Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.” Keep in mind, He will keep us safe all the way as found in Psalm 78:53. “And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.”